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State Bar of California Panel of Fee Arbitrators  
Sonoma County Bar Association Panel of Fee Arbitrators  
Sonoma County Superior Court Settlement Conference Panelist

**Representative Construction Clients include and included:**

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| Von Renner Construction, Inc. | Bertram Pools Inc.       | John C. Paulsen Const. Co., Inc.      |
| Tavis Construction, Inc.      | Fedco Construction, Inc. | California Safety Manual Bureau Inc.  |
| Young Engineering Services    | Lisa Palmer, A.I.A.      | Gonsalves Performance Glass, Inc.     |
| Fisch Bros Drilling           | Elee Tsai, A.I.A.        | Shook & Waller Construction Co., Inc. |

**Construction References include:**

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| Fred Von Renner (ret.)<br>Von Renner Construction, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 2308<br>Guerneville, CA 95446<br>(707) 869-0901 | John Paulsen<br>John C. Paulsen Const. Co., Inc.<br>625 Sebastopol Road<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95407<br>(707) 975-8335 (Mobile) | Richard Rudnansky, Esq.<br>City Attorney's Office<br>11 English, P.O. Box 61<br>Petaluma, CA 94953<br>(707) 578-3303 |
| Greg Levy<br>Millrite Installations Inc.<br>1000 West College Avenue<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95401<br>(707) 591-8892      | Edward Fisch<br>Fisch Bros Drilling<br>5001 Gravenstein Hwy. No.<br>Sebastopol, CA 95472<br>(707) 823-3891                 | George B. Young, Jr.<br>Young Engineering Services<br>132 Boas Drive<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95409<br>(707) 538-7503       |

**Representative Construction Trials and Arbitrations:**

**For Plaintiff:**

Arbuthnot v. Getty Oil, et al.  
Earth Movement. Jury Verdict  
\$202,000 plus Costs  
Affirmed on Appeal, Published Decision

Northridge Corp. v. Mr. Construction  
Contractual Arbitration  
Demand \$42,000, Verdict \$109,000

Keefer v. Park, Contractor  
Contractual Arbitration  
Demand \$40,000, Verdict \$78,000

**For Defendant:**

Fennessy v. De Leuw-Greeley-Hyman  
Three Week Jury Trial  
Jury Verdicts for all  
Joint Venture Defendants

Trent v. Petaluma  
Offer \$100,000, Demand \$600,000  
AAA Arbitration Award \$120,000

Stone Trust v. Leal Hardwood  
Jury Verdict for Defendant

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Sonoma County Community Development Department Arbitrator

Representative Clients include and have included:

**CONSTRUCTION**

Ralph M. Parsons Company, Inc.  
Dinwiddie Construction Co., Inc.  
John C. Paulsen Construction Co.  
Young Engineering Services  
Von Renner Construction, Inc.

**MUNICIPAL ENTITIES**

City of Petaluma  
Alameda County Water District  
City and County of San Francisco  
City of Mill Valley

**INSURANCE COMPANIES**

American International Companies  
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company  
Farmers Insurance Companies  
The Hartford Insurance Companies  
Beazley Group

**BUSINESS ENTITIES**

IBM  
Shell Oil Company  
Shook & Waller, Inc.  
Roseland Village, Inc.

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Gonsalves Performance Glass, Inc. v.  
VLC General Contracting  
Unanimous Jury Verdict, Judgment for  
\$86,139, including attorney's fees and interest

**For Defendant:**

Fennessey v. De Leuw-Greeley-Hyman  
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